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25X1 1. [] Talked to Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said Chairman Hebert was reluctant to call on the Agency to brief the full Committee on Vietnam but apparently would yield to the Committee pressure for an early briefing. We agreed that the briefing should cover the background to the present situation, the current military operations, enemy capabilities and intentions, situation regarding friendly military forces, South Vietnamese political situation, and general long term prospects. We should be prepared for questions on allegations of "intelligence failures," etc.

Slatinshek said a record will be made and kept available for all members of Congress in accordance with current Committee rules.

I further discussed the above with Slatinshek who confirmed the briefing would be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 4 May. I told him that we still had not decided whether the Director or someone else would give the briefing.

I also discussed with Slatinshek the request of Representative Charles Rangel for several classified Agency reports on the narcotics situation. Slatinshek agreed that we should not provide these reports but should offer to brief Rangel. He said if pushed to the wall, we could refer Rangel to the Committee.

25X1 2. [] Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, called to say Tom Korologos, of the White House staff, had raised the question of whether, in view of Senator McGee's success in restoring the USIA cuts in the Senate, we might want to reconsider our strategy on the "attribution" amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, S. 3256. (which would require that any Government agency disseminating information abroad identify itself). I told Ablard I thought we should indeed take another look and we might find a way of fighting this amendment without spotlighting the Agency's interest in the matter. We agreed to confer again later today or tomorrow after looking into the matter further.

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